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NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted for filing on May 6, 2004 is the patent application of

Inventors: Sebastian HOEROLD

For: Flame Retardant-Nanocomposite Combination

for Thermoplastic Polymers

- 1. This new application is for a(n)
 - X Original (non-provisional)
 - Divisional
 - Continuation
 - Continuation-in-Part
- 2. Papers enclosed that are required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular)
 - 25 Pages of Specification and Claims (23 in number)
 - 1 Page of Abstract
 - 0 sheet of drawing
- 3. Additional papers enclosed:
 - X Preliminary Amendment
 - Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form PTO-1449
 - References Cited
- 4. Declaration or Oath:
 - X Enclosed EXECUTED BY INVENTORS
 - Not Enclosed

- 5. An assignment of the invention from the inventors to **Clariant GmbH** is attached.
- 6. Certified copy of the application from which priority is claimed is enclosed.

Country	Application No.	Filed
Germany	103 20 465.2	08 May 2003

7. Fee calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED							
Basic Filing Fee					\$ 770.00		
Number Filed		NumberExtra		Rate			
Total Claims:	24	Minus 20	= 4	X \$ 18.00	72.0		
Independent Claims:	1	Minus 3	= 0	X \$ 86.00			
Multiple Dependent Claims (if any) +\$290.00							
TOTAL FEE DUE				\$ 842.00			

	 □ Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed. □ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed. □ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time. 	
	Filing Fee Calculation	\$842.00
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	Basic Filing Fee X Assignment Recordation Fee	\$842.00 <u>40.00</u>
	Total Fees Enclosed	\$882.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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